

# Pyramidal finite elements

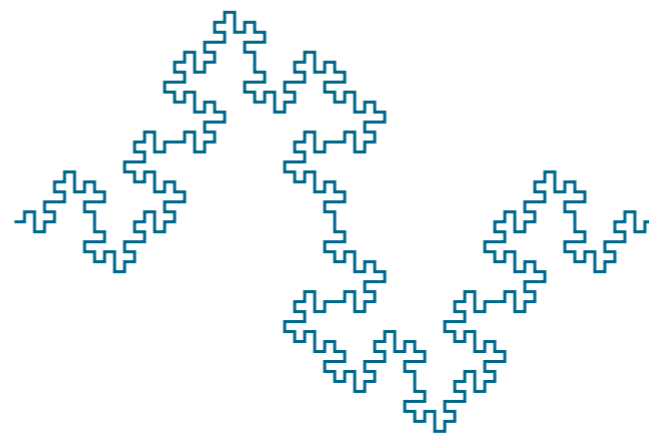
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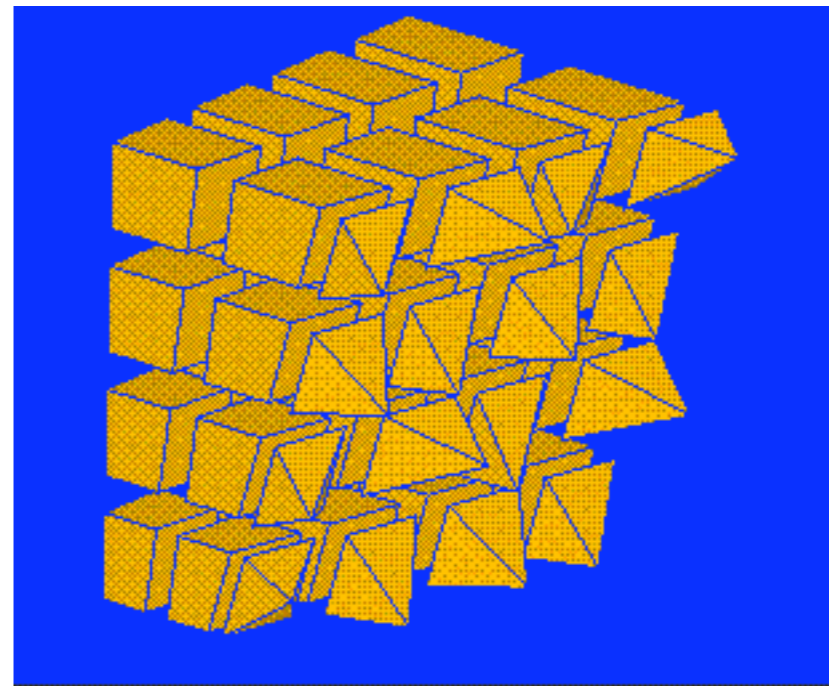
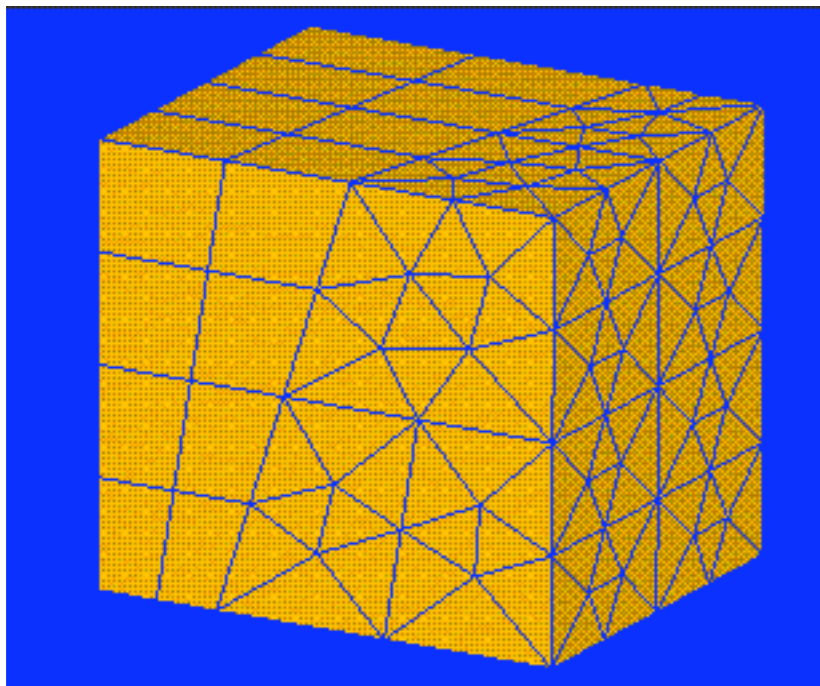
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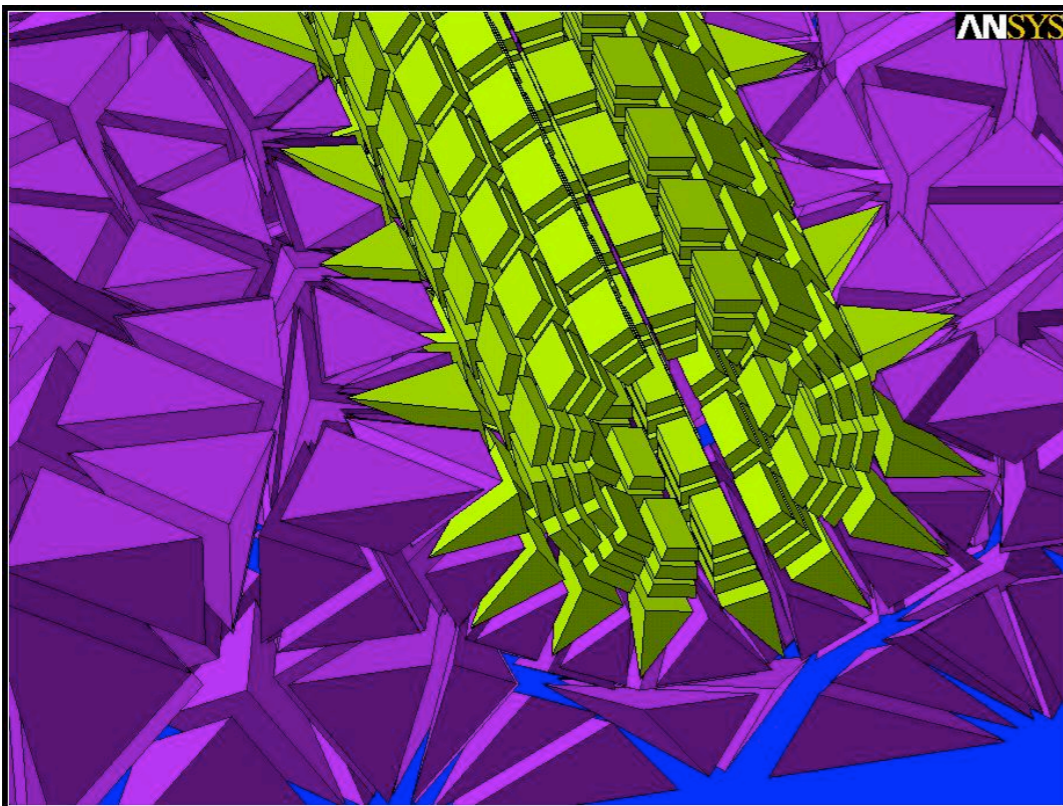
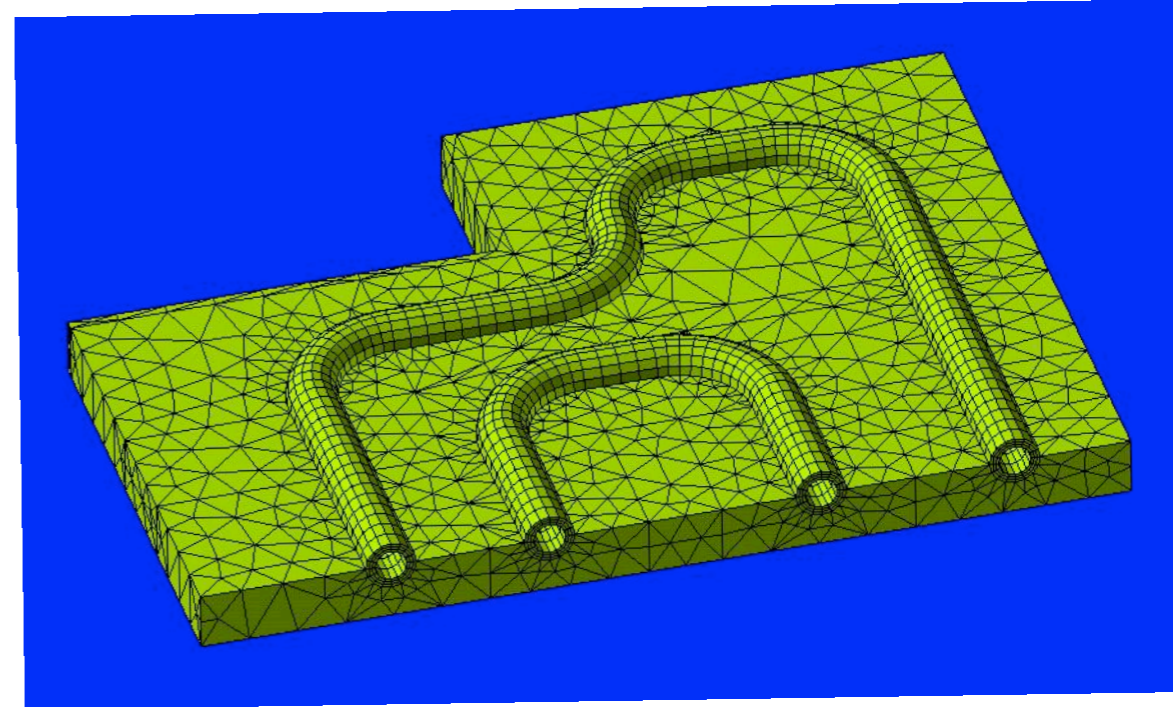
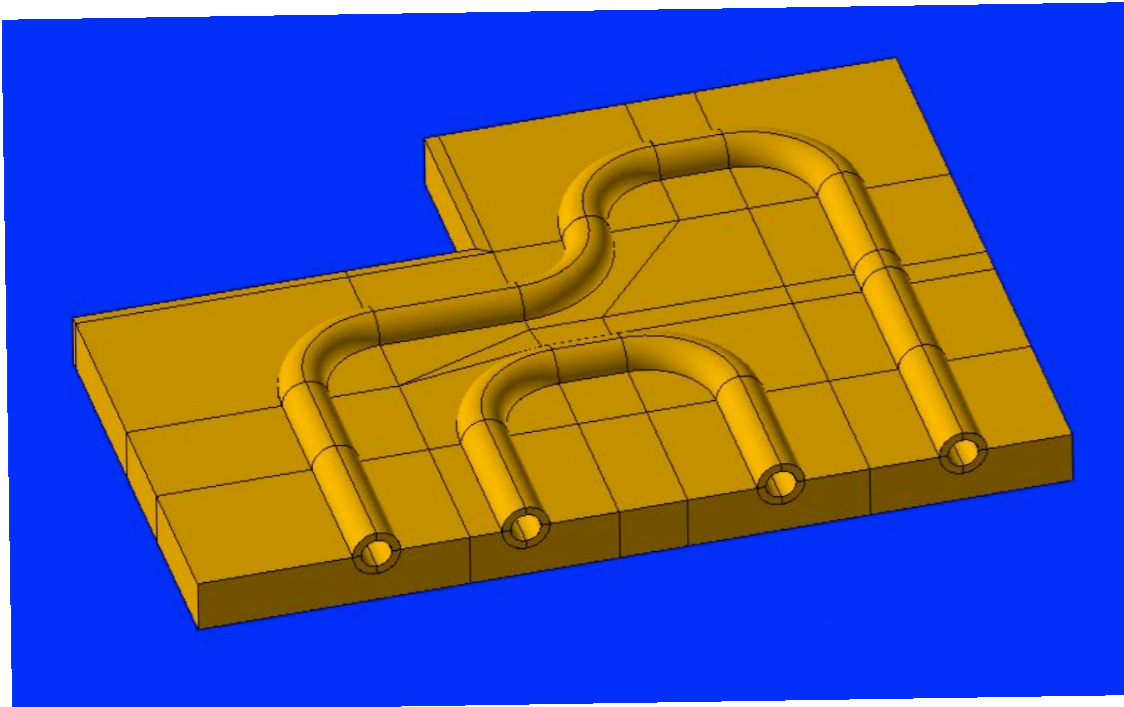
- Arise naturally as 'glueing' elements in hybrid meshes
- Because the design and proofs presented interesting challenges.



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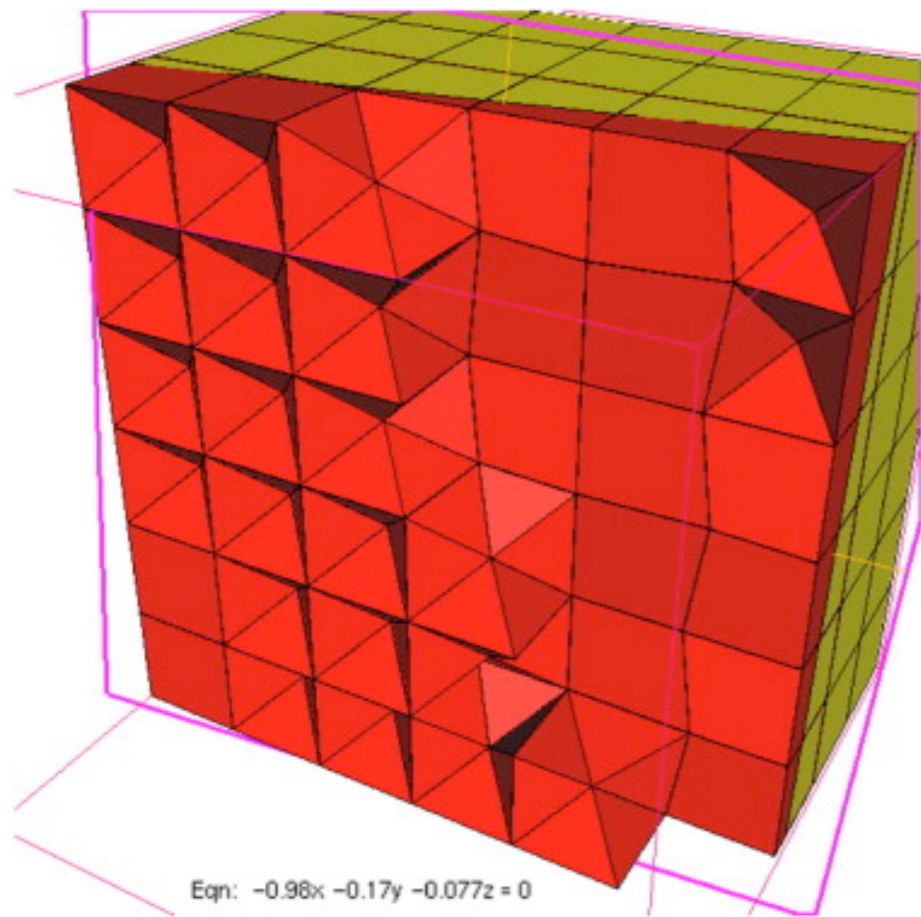
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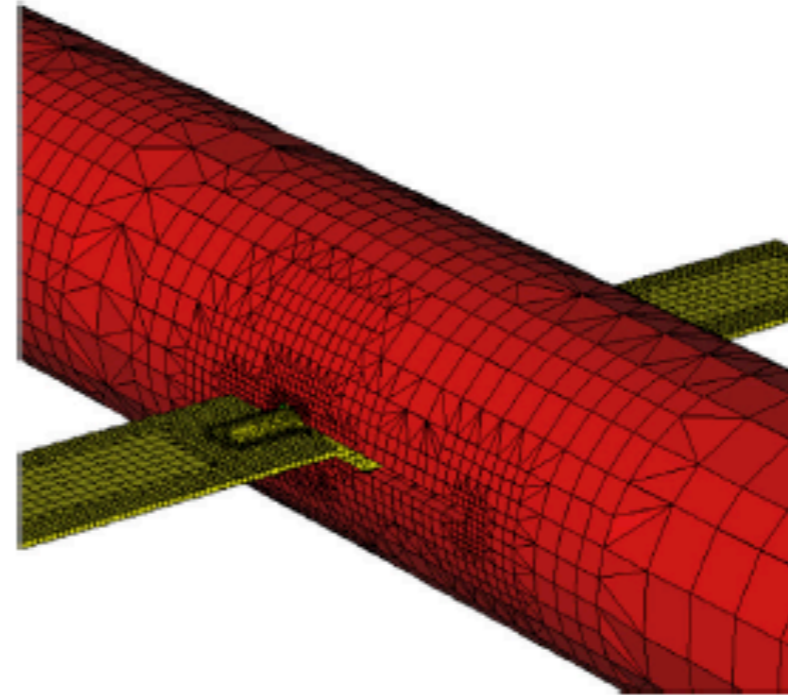
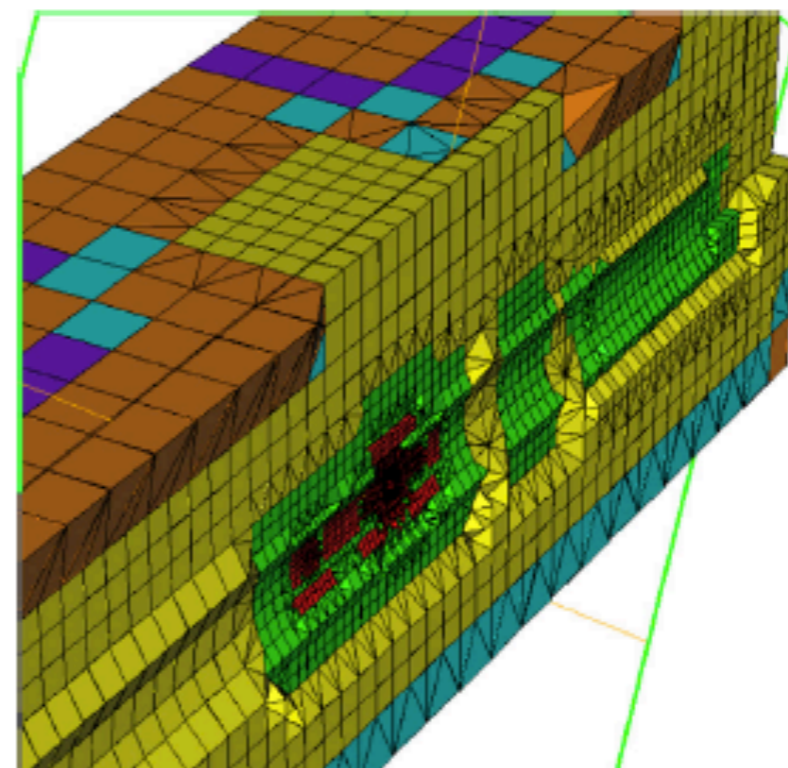


Fig. 13. Surface of the hybrid mesh used for the scattering by a satellite.



Bergot and Durufle, JCP 2013

## WHY?

*A successful 3-D finite element code for Maxwell's equations must include all four kinds of geometrical shapes: tets, hexes, prisms and pyramids. The theory of exact sequences and higher order elements for the pyramid element remains one of the most urgent research issues.*

- L. Demkowicz.

*Mixed Finite Elements, Compatibility Conditions, and Applications, C.I.M.E. Summer School held in Cetraro 2006.*

## HOW?

*Finite element exterior calculus is an approach to the design and understanding of finite element discretizations for a wide variety of systems of partial differential equations.*

- Arnold, Falk, Winther, Acta Numerica, 2006.

## Ground rules

- 1) *Compatibility.*
- 2) *Approximation.* The discrete spaces  $\mathcal{U}^{(s),k}(K)$  should allow for high-order approximation.
- 3) *Stability:* The elements satisfy a commuting diagram property:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H^r(K) & \xrightarrow{\nabla} & \mathbf{H}^{r-1}(\text{curl}, K) & \xrightarrow{\nabla \times} & \mathbf{H}^{r-1}(\text{div}, K) & \xrightarrow{\nabla \cdot} & H^{r-1}(K) \\
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 \end{array}$$

Here  $\Pi^{(s)}$ ,  $s=0,1,2,3$ , denote interpolation operators induced by the degrees of freedom, and  $r$  is chosen so that the interpolation operators are well defined.

## We shall focus on affine families

Our work is for **affine-mapped** pyramidal elements and shape-regular meshes.

**Bilinear** transformations can lead to loss of approximation (Arnold, Boffi, Falk, 2002, Boffi 2006.)

Recently, Bergot and Duruflé (JCP 2013) provide elements which allow for bilinear transformations of pyramids.



## Continuous elements on pyramids

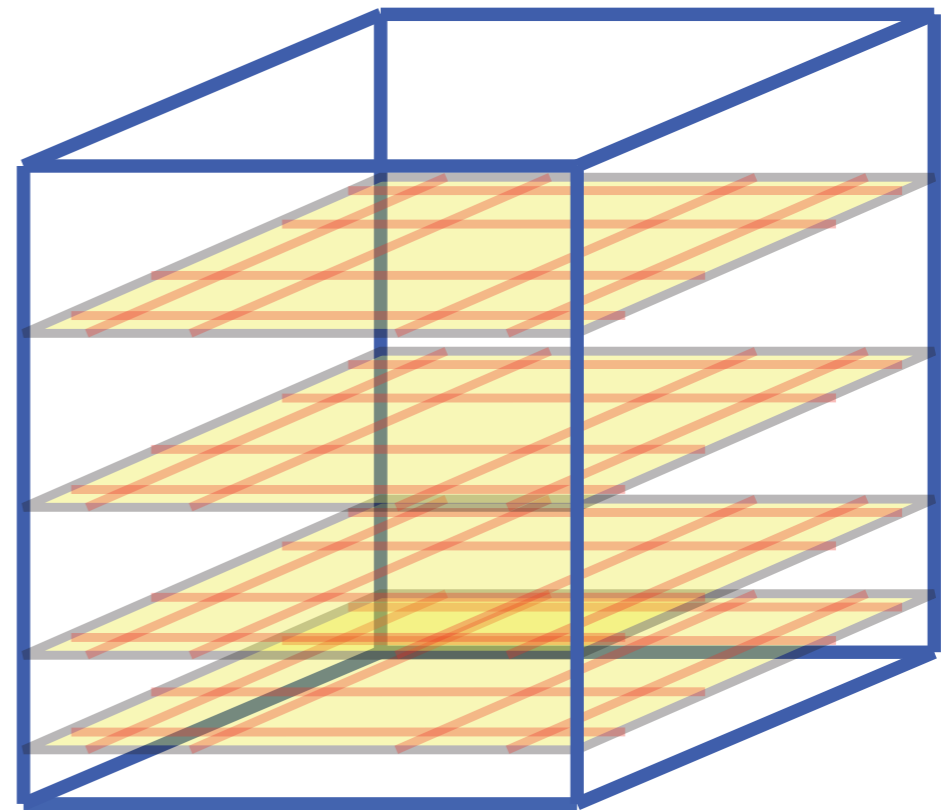
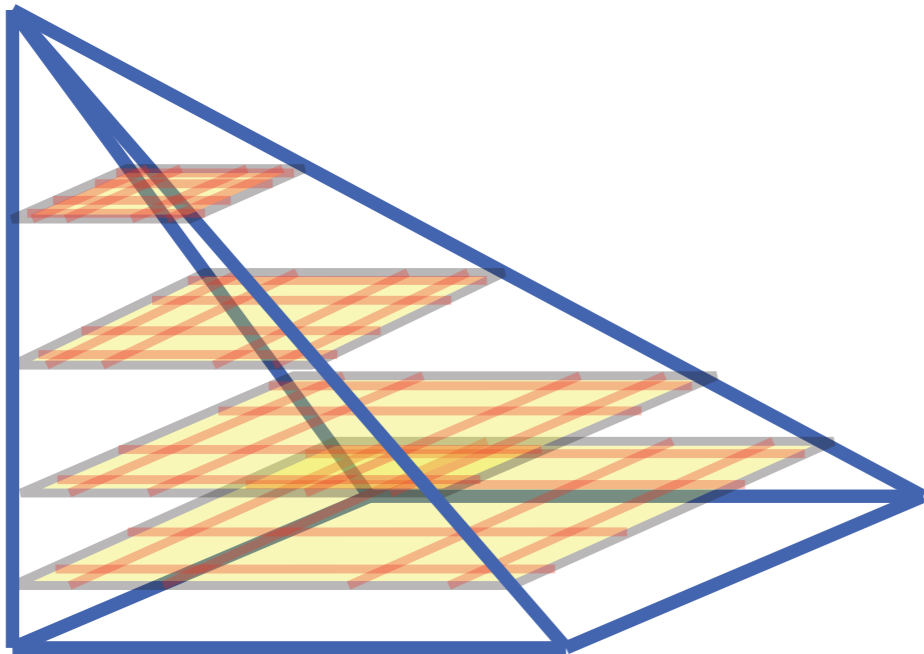
- Wachspress 1975. General polyhedral elements with 3-vertices. Generalises to pyramids.
- Bedrosian 1992. First and second order pyramidal elements.
- Macro-element based approaches. Wieners 1997...
- Sherwin 1997; Chatzi 2000. Attempts at high order.
- Bergot, Cohen, Durufle, 2010, 2013, 2014. Includes survey. “Optimal” high order elements.

## Conforming pyramidal elements for the de Rham complex

- Graglia, 1999. First and second order edge and face elements.
- Gradinaru and Hiptmair, 1999. First order elements. Proof of commutativity.
- Zaglmayr. High order: local exact sequences.
- Bossavit, 2008. Canonical construction of first order.
- Bergot et. al: 2010, 2013, 2014.
- Nigam and Phillips, (arXiv) 2007, 2011, 2012. High order: infinite pyramid.

## Attempt #1

- High-order conforming FEM on hexahedra are well-known...
- ... so can we use Duffy transform from cube to pyramid?

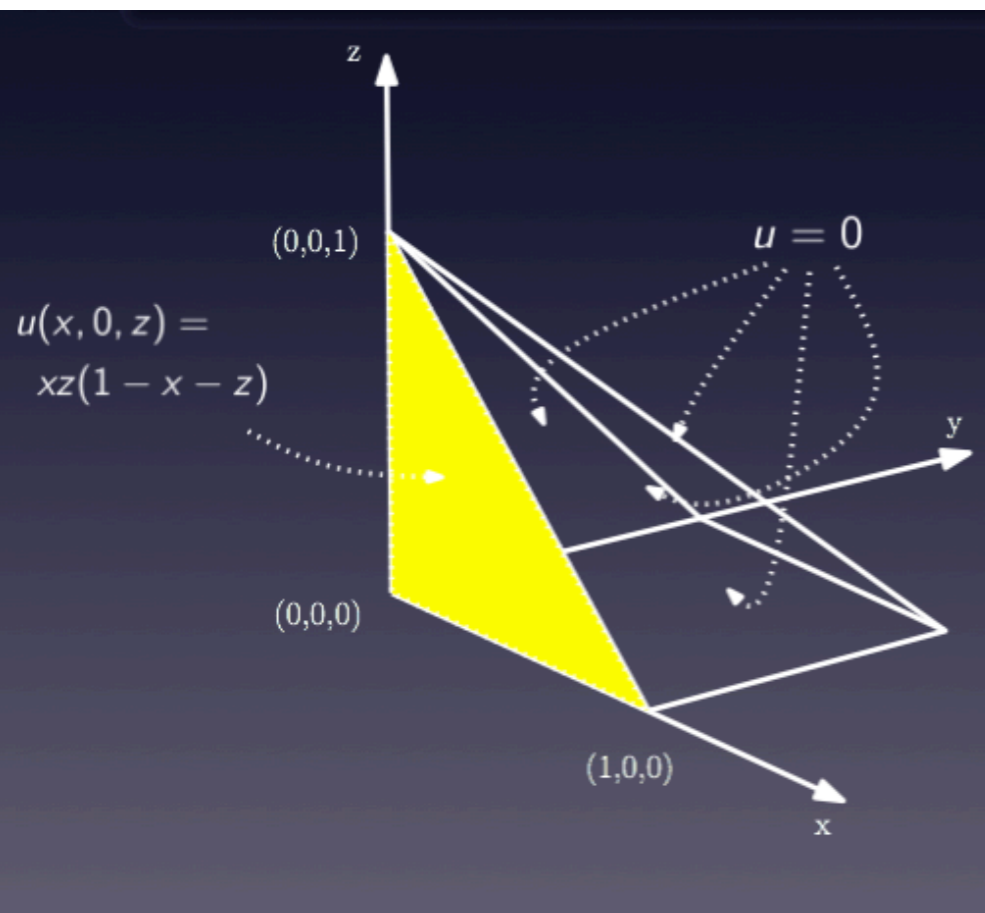


## Theorem

*There is no (high order) conforming pyramidal continuous finite element whose approximation space consists purely of polynomials.*  
(Bedrossian 92, Wieners 97, Warren 02, NP 07.)

$$u(x, y, z) = \frac{xz(1-x-z)(1-y-z)}{1-z}$$
$$p(x, y, z) = xz(1-x-z)(1-y-z) \\ (r(x, z) + ys(x, y, z))$$

**p is a polynomial, conforming, interpolant of u (?)**



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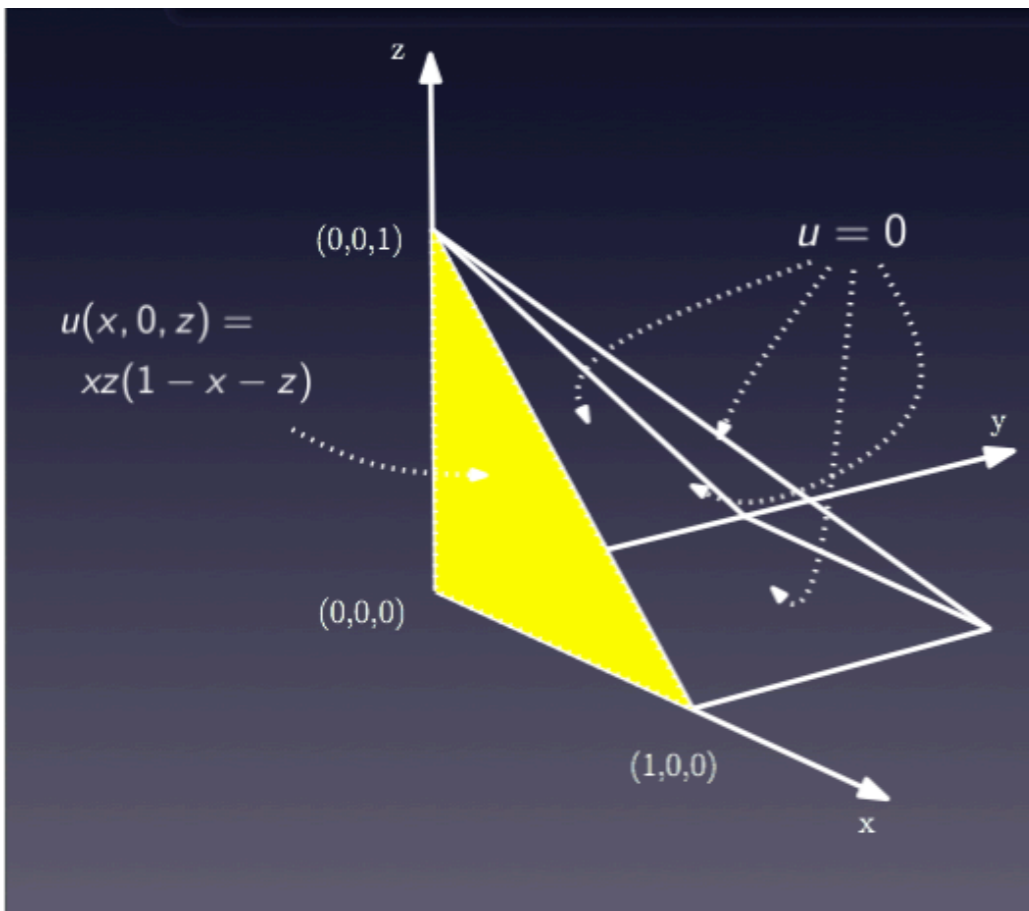
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$$\Rightarrow r(x, z) = \frac{1}{1-z}$$



## Negative result: many versions

It is *impossible* to construct pyramidal conforming, compatible high-order finite elements using only polynomials.

There is *no conforming global interpolant* onto element-wise polynomials for pyramidal elements.

If  $\pi_r : H^{r+1}(K) \rightarrow P_r$  is a projector onto element-wise polynomials,  $\|u - \pi_r u\|_{1,\Omega}$  *cannot be bounded*.

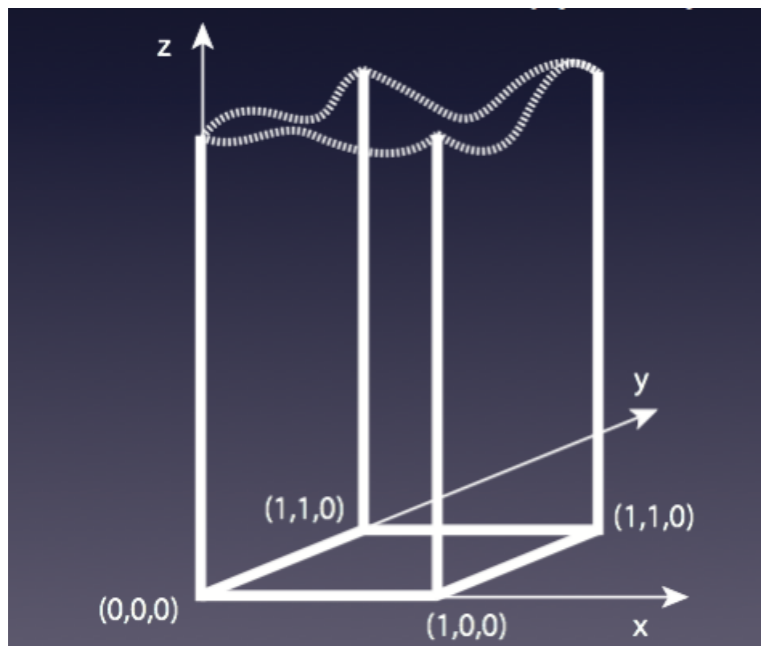
This has consequences for construction and for analysis.

## A strange 'reference' element

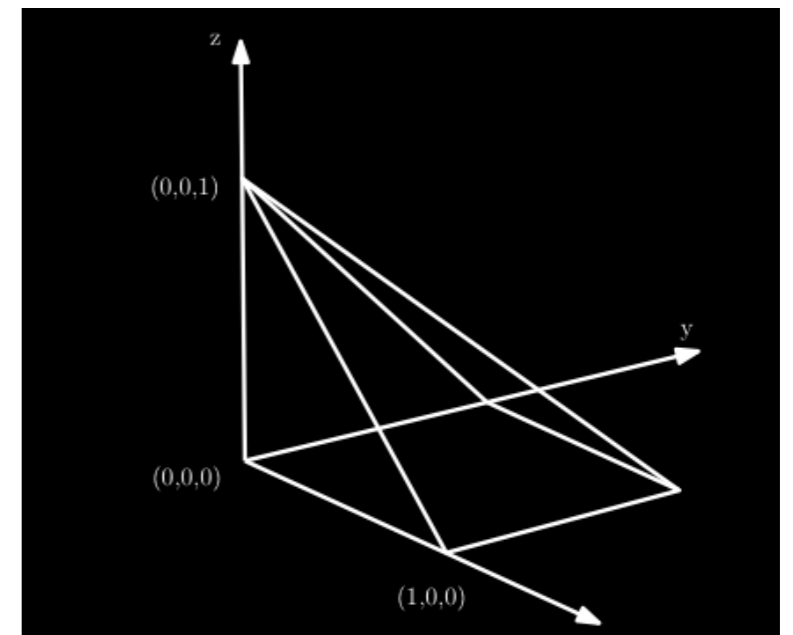
- Let  $K$  denote reference pyramidal element with square base

$$K = \{(\xi, \eta, \zeta) \mid 0 \leq \zeta \leq 1, 0 \leq \xi, \eta \leq \zeta\}.$$

- Use 'infinite reference pyramidal element'  $K_\infty$
- Use pullback mapping induced by the bijection



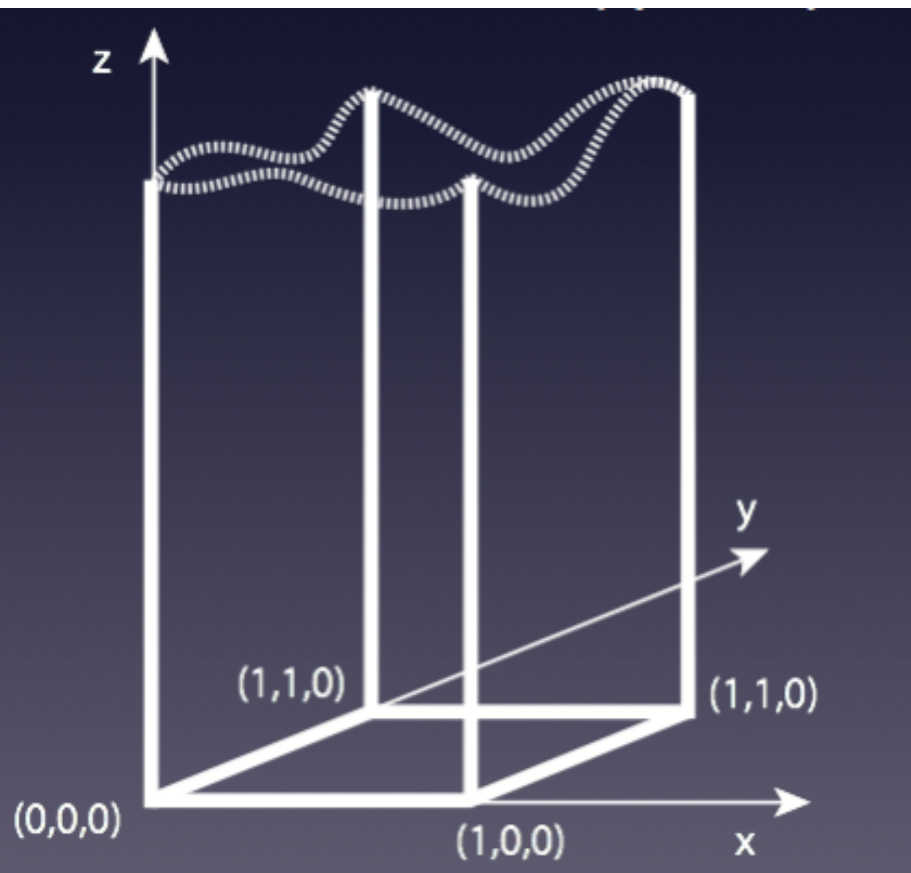
$$\phi : K_\infty \rightarrow K$$



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- Start on  $K_\infty$
- Use 'k-weighted' tensorial polynomials

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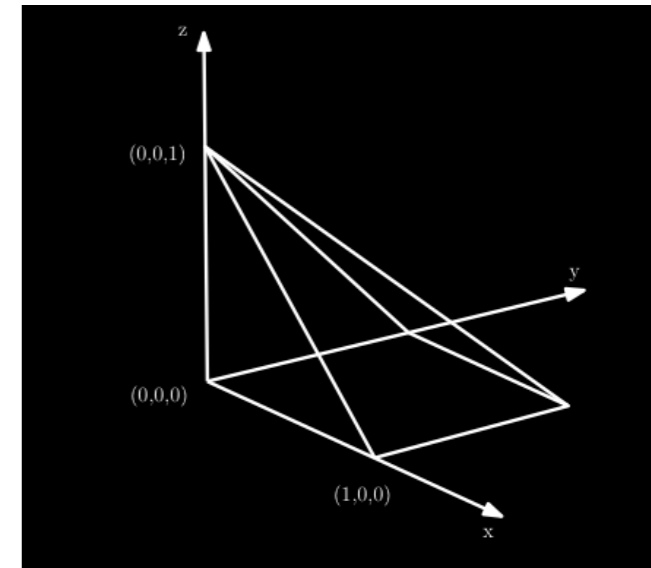




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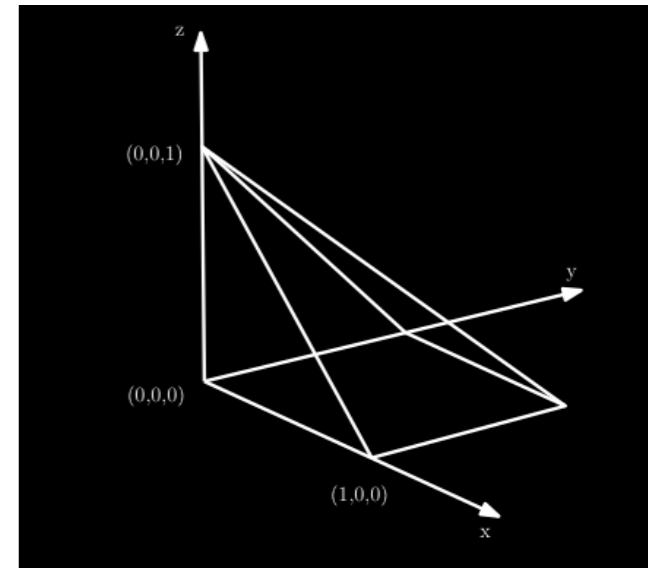


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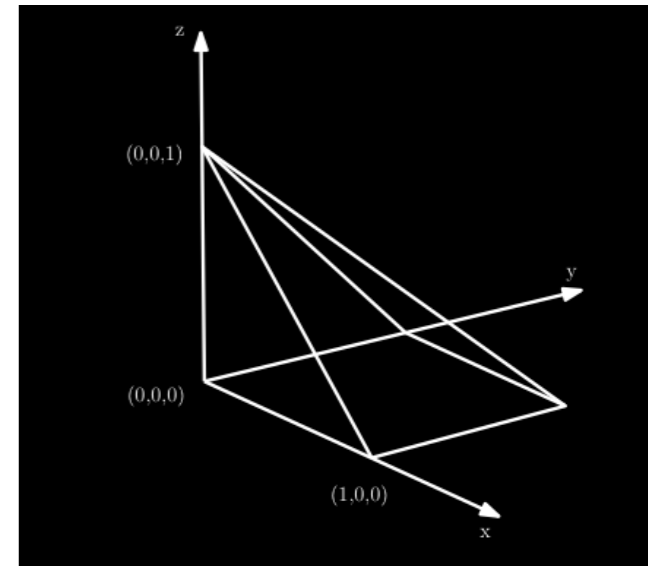


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- Consider the function

$$p_2(x, y, z) = \frac{z^k}{(1+z)^k}, \text{ on } K_\infty \longrightarrow (\phi^{-1})^* p_2 = \zeta^k.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Must retain  $p_2$  in the  $H_{w^1}^1$ - approximation space.

## High order elements on $K_\infty$

We have introduced 3 families of approximation spaces on the infinite pyramid for  $s = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , approximation order  $k$ :

1. 'First family'  $\mathcal{U}^{(s),k}$  (NP 2007, 2011)
2. 'Second family'  $\mathcal{R}^{(s),k}$  (NP 2012)
3. 'Serendipity'  $\mathcal{S}^{(s),k}$  (NPP, 2014)

## Family 1

Definition: Underlying spaces via 'k-weighted' tensorial polynomials

Define spaces  $\overline{\mathcal{U}^{(s),k}}$  on  $K_\infty$ , for  $s = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $k \geq 0$

$$\overline{\mathcal{U}^{(0),k}} = \{u \in Q_k^{k,k,k} : \nabla u \in Q_{k+1}^{k-1,k,k-1} \times Q_{k+1}^{k,k-1,k-1} \times Q_{k+1}^{k,k,k-1}\}$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{U}^{(1),k}} = \{u \in Q_{k+1}^{k-1,k,k} \times Q_{k+1}^{k,k-1,k} \times Q_{k+1}^{k,k,k-1} : \\ \nabla \times u \in Q_{k+2}^{k,k-1,k-1} \times Q_{k+2}^{k-1,k,k-1} \times Q_{k+2}^{k-1,k-1,k}\}$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{U}^{(2),k}} = \{u \in Q_{k+2}^{k,k-1,k-1} \times Q_{k+2}^{k-1,k,k-1} \times Q_{k+2}^{k-1,k-1,k} : \\ \nabla \cdot u \in Q_{k+3}^{k-1,k-1,k-1}\}$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{U}^{(3),k}} = \{u \in Q_{k+3}^{k-1,k-1,k-1}\}$$

First Finite element Family  $\mathcal{U}^{(s),k}$ : functions  $u \in \overline{\mathcal{U}^{(s),k}}$  such that on  $K, (\phi^{-1}) * u$  has appropriate polynomial traces onto faces and edges.

## Family 2: High order elements on $K_\infty$

$$Q_k^{l,m,n}(x, y, z) = \left\{ \frac{u}{(1+z)^k} : u \in Q^{l,m,n}(x, y, z) \right\}.$$

$$Q_k^{[l,m]} = \left\{ \frac{x^a y^b (1+z)^{k-c}}{(1+z)^k} : c \leq k, a \leq c+l-k, b \leq c+m-k \right\}.$$

These spaces can be characterised via a decomposition into spaces of exactly  $r$ -weighted tensor product polynomials,

$$Q_k^{[l,m]} = \bigoplus_{r=0}^k Q_r^{r+l-k, r+m-k, 0}.$$

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$$\mathcal{R}^{(s),k}(K) := \left\{ (\phi^{-1})^* u : u \in \mathcal{R}^{(s),k}(K_\infty) \right\}, s = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

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## Properties

### Theorem (NP 2012): Properties of second family

- Discrete sequence

$$\mathcal{R}^{(0),k}(K) \xrightarrow{\nabla} \mathcal{R}^{(1),k}(K) \xrightarrow{\nabla \times} \mathcal{R}^{(2),k}(K) \xrightarrow{\nabla \cdot} \mathcal{R}^{(3),k}(K)$$

is exact.

- Discrete spaces are conforming

$$\mathcal{R}^{(0),k}(K) \subset H^1(K), \quad \mathcal{R}^{(1),k}(K) \subset \mathbf{H}(\text{curl}, K),$$

$$\mathcal{R}^{(2),k}(K) \subset \mathbf{H}(\text{div}, K), \quad \mathcal{R}^{(3),k}(K) \subset L^2(K)$$

Same result holds for first family  $\mathcal{U}^{(s),k}(K)$ , (NP 2007, 2011).

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- Polynomial approximation properties are:

$$P^k(K) \subset \mathcal{R}^{(0),k}(K) \quad \text{and} \quad P^{k-1}(K) \subset \mathcal{R}^{(s),k}(K), \quad s = 1, 2, 3.$$

- Compatibility through traces of  $\mathcal{R}^{(s),k}$ ,  $s = 0, 1, 2$  with relevant traces of Lagrange, curl or div-conforming elements on neighbouring tets and boxes.
- Helmholtz decompositions hold for the bubbles.

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Unisolvency, conformance, exactness, commuting diagram

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 \end{array}$$

Exterior degrees of freedom analogous to those from neighbouring tets or hexes. Volume degrees of freedom based on projection-based interpolation

## Reminder: high-order serendipity elements

- Serendipity elements on hexahedra are a subset of  $Q^{k,k,k}$
- Arnold and Awanou (2011) define high-order  $H^1$ -conforming serendipity spaces as

$$\mathcal{S}_k(\text{box}) := P^k(\text{box}) \oplus \text{span}\{xy^a z^b, x^a y^b z, x^a y^b z, a + b = k + 1\} \\ \oplus \text{span}\{xyz^k, xy^k z, x^k yz\}$$

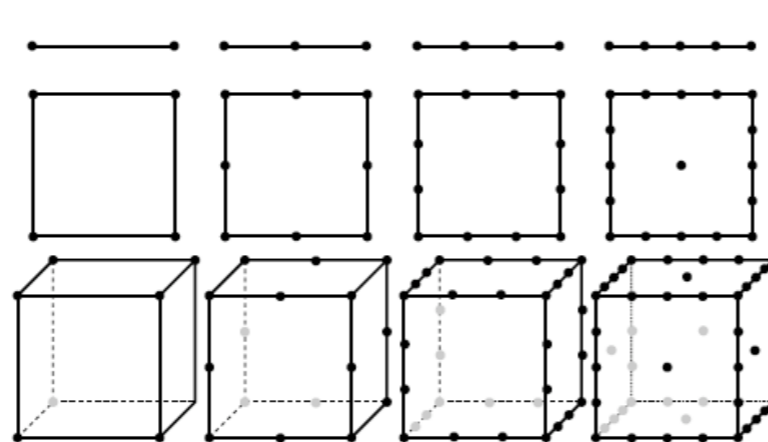


Fig. 1 Degrees of freedom for  $\mathcal{S}_r(I^n)$  for  $r = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3$ . Dots indicate the number of degrees of freedom associated to each face.

## High-order 'serendipity' elements on a pyramid?

- Must be compatible with neighbouring tetrahedral and (serendipity) hexahedra through boundary traces
- Must be subspace of  $\mathcal{R}^{(0),k}(K)$
- Must allow for arbitrary order approximation by polynomials.

## High-order 'serendipity' elements on infinite pyramid

### Definition (NP2013)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{S}^{(0),k}(K_\infty) &:= \text{span}\left\{ \frac{x^\alpha y^\beta z^\gamma}{(1+z)^{k-1}} / \alpha + \beta + \gamma \leq k-1 \right\} \\
 &\oplus \text{span}\left\{ \frac{x^\alpha y^\beta z}{(1+z)^{k-1}} / \alpha + \beta = k-1 \right\} \\
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 &\oplus \text{span}\left\{ \frac{x^{k-1}yz}{(1+z)^{k-1}}, \frac{xy^{k-1}z}{(1+z)^{k-1}} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$



## Quadrature

# Error due to quadrature

- Elliptic bilinear form  $a : H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$a(u, v) := \int_{\Omega} A(\nabla u, \nabla v) dx$$

A positive definite covariant tensor, entries in  $W^{k,\infty}(\Omega)$ .

- Let  $V_h \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$  be a polynomial approximation space (degree  $k$ ).
- $S_{K,k}(\cdot)$  be a quadrature rule, which satisfies

$$S_{K,k}(\partial_i u \partial_j v) = \int_K (\partial_i u \partial_j v), \quad \forall i, j, \quad \forall u, v \in V_h$$

over element  $K$ .

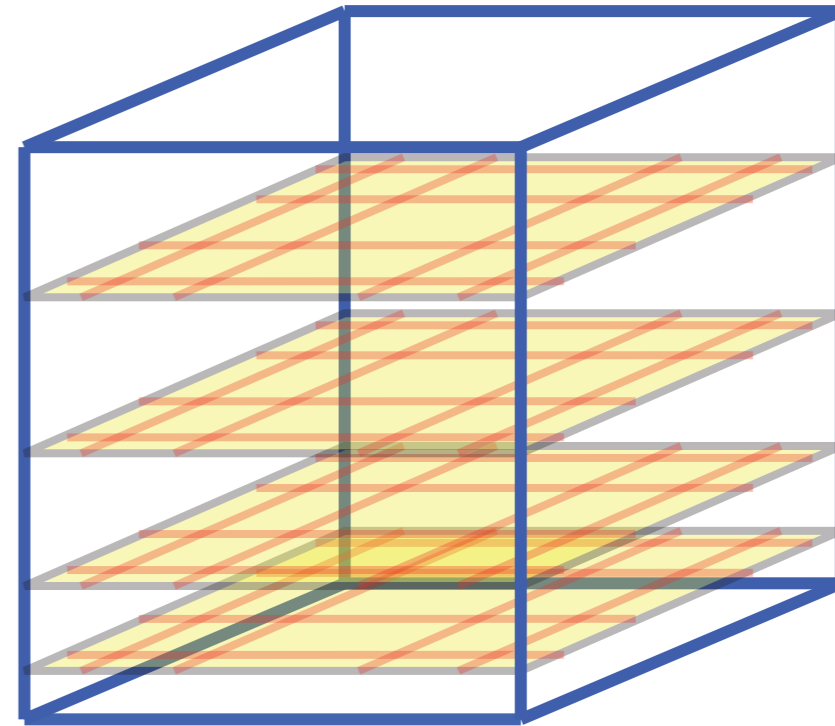
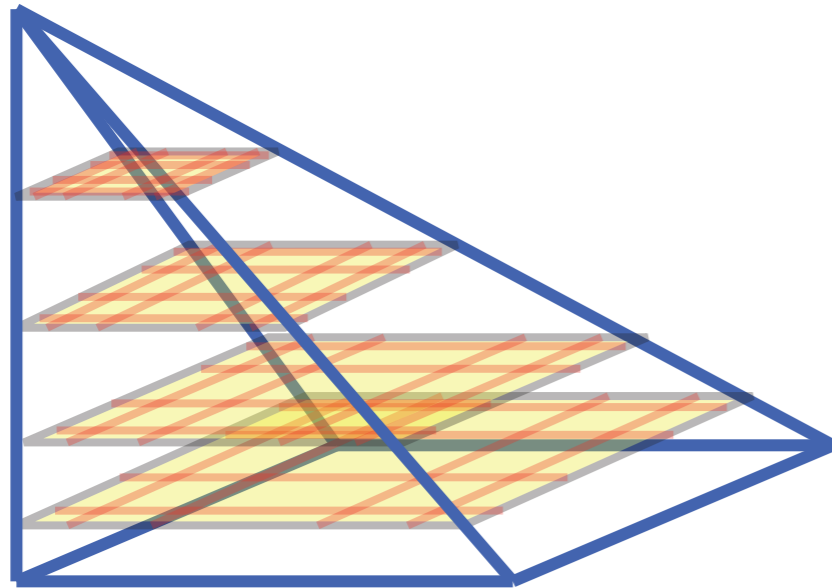
- Discrete bilinear form  $a_h(u, v) := \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} S_{K,k}(A(\nabla u, \nabla v))$ .
- Approximate

$$a_h(u, v) \approx a(u, v), \quad \forall v \in V_h.$$

## Refresher: quadrature

- *"Our basic objective is to give sufficient conditions on the quadrature scheme which ensure that the effect of the numerical integration does not decrease [the] order of convergence",*  
- Ciarlet 1978.
- If approximation space  $\subset H_0^1(\Omega)$ , and true solution is  $u \in H^{k+1}(\Omega)$ , want  $h^k$  convergence in the  $H^1$  norm.
- Rule of thumb: If approximation space has polynomials of degree  $k$ , quadrature rule should be exact at  $2k - 2$ .

# Quadrature on pyramids



- Conical product formulae (Stroud, 72).
- Duffy transform + Gauss Legendre / Jacobi.
- $k^3$  evaluations

# Conical product formulae

- $k$ th degree formula is exact for polynomials of degree  $2k$  on the pyramid.
- Exact for products of any pair of  $k$ th order pyramidal shape functions from each family of elements, including the rational functions.
- Numerical evidence that they perform well for continuous elements (Bergot et al, 2010).

## A nitpicky question

*We know* the quadrature rule is exact for pairs of basis functions.  
Does this suffice for the analysis of errors?

# What we would like

Let  $\forall v \in V_h$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} a(u, v) &= \int_{\Omega} A(\nabla u, \nabla v) = f(v), \\ a_h(u_h, v) &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} S_{K,k}(A(\nabla u_h, \nabla v)) = f(v). \end{aligned}$$

We'd like to conclude:

$$\|u - u_h\|_1 \leq Ch^k (|u|_{k+1} + \|A\|_{k,\infty} \|u\|_{k+1})$$

Analyze variational crime via First Strang Lemma:

$$\begin{aligned} \|u - u_h\|_1 &\leq C \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \left( \|u - v_h\|_1 + \sup_{w_h \in V_h} \frac{|a(v_h, w_h) - a_h(v_h, w_h)|}{\|w_h\|_1} \right) \\ &\leq C (h^k |u|_{k+1} + h^k \|A\|_{k,\infty} \|u\|_{k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

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- Need a **local** estimate to control the consistency error: let

$$\text{quadrature error} = E_{k,K}(\phi) = 0 \quad \forall \phi \in P_{2k-2} K.$$

- *Usually* use Bramble-Hilbert lemma, and get: There  $\exists C$  s.t.

$$\forall A \in W^{k,\infty}(K), \quad \forall p, q \in P_k(K)$$

$$|E_{k,K}(A \partial_i p \partial_j q)| \leq Ch^k \|A\|_{k,\infty,K} \|\partial_i p\|_{k-1,K} \|\partial_j q\|_{0,K}$$

- Can we do the same?

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holds.

# Rational functions can't be ignored

- $\mathcal{R}^{(0),k}$  contains  $P_k(K)$ .
- $\mathcal{R}^{(0),k}$  also contains rational polynomials!

Take the  $\mathcal{R}^{(0),k}(\Omega)$  shape function associated with the base vertex,  $(1, 1, 0)$ :

$$v(\xi, \eta, \zeta) = \frac{\xi\eta}{1-\zeta}.$$

The third partial  $\zeta$ -derivative  $\frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial \zeta^3} \notin L^2(\Omega)$ :

$$\int_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial^3 v}{\partial \zeta^3} \right)^2 d\hat{x} = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-\zeta} \int_0^{1-\zeta} \left( \frac{-6\xi\eta}{(1-\zeta)^4} \right)^2 d\xi d\eta d\zeta = \int_0^1 \frac{9}{(1-\zeta)^2} d\zeta.$$

Hence  $v \notin H^3(\Omega)$ .

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holds. **This conjecture cannot be used.**

## Negative result

It is *impossible* to analyze quadrature errors for pyramidal high-order finite elements by considering only polynomials. Direct application of classical arguments fail when we attempt to use the Bramble-Hilbert lemma to obtain the estimate

$$|\Pi_{k,K}^{(s)} u|_{k,K} \leq C |u|_{k,K}$$

where  $\Pi_{k,K}^{(s)}$  is any bounded interpolant to  $\mathcal{R}^{(s),k}(K)$ .

## The fix

Go back to the Bramble-Hilbert lemma...

### Bramble-Hilbert Lemma

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be open. For some integer  $k \geq 0$  and  $p \in [0, \infty]$  let the linear functional,  $f : W^{k+1,p}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  have the property that  $\forall \psi \in P^k(\Omega)$ ,  $f(\psi) = 0$ . Then there exists a constant  $C(\Omega)$  such that

$$\forall v \in W^{k+1,p}(\Omega), \quad |f(v)| \leq C(\Omega) \|f\|_{W^{k+1,p}(\Omega)'} |v|_{k+1}$$

... and modify it.

Don't apply it to the whole approximation space at once!

# Resolution: the local estimate

- Observation: On pyramid, the components of each basis function in  $\mathcal{R}^{(0),k}(K)$  live in spaces spanned by  $e_{abr}$ :

$$e_{abr}(x, y, z) := x^a y^b (1 - z)^{r-a-b} \quad r \leq k \text{ and } a, b \leq r + 1$$

- Regularity increases with  $r$ :  $e_{abr} \in H^{r+1}(K) \quad \forall a, b$

$$|E_{k,K}[A^{ij} \partial_i e_{abr} \partial_j v]| \leq Ch^r \|A\|_{r,\infty,K} \|e_{abr}\|_{r,K} |w|_{1,K}$$

- Let  $A_{ij}$  be element-wise polynomial. Quadrature is still exact:

$$E_{k,K}[A^{ij} \partial_i e_{abr} \partial_j w] = 0 \quad \forall A^{ij} \in P^{k-r}, \quad w \in V_k(K)$$

- Need to modify the Bramble Hilbert Lemma and scaling argument to get "missing"  $h^{k-r}$ .



# Modification via decomposition

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Interpolation-on-decomposition estimate (NP 2012)

Let  $\forall u \in H^k(K)$ , interpolant  $\Pi u \in R^k = v_0 + \dots + v_k$ ,  $v_r \in V_r$ .

- For each  $r$  satisfying  $\alpha \leq r \leq k$ :

$$|v_r|_r \leq C|u|_r.$$

- If  $\subset V_r$  has poly. of homogenous degree  $r$ , then

$$|v_r|_r \leq C|u|_{r+1} + |u|_r, \quad \forall r \in [\alpha - 1, -1].$$

Our approximation spaces  $\mathcal{R}^{(s),k}$  satisfy the decomposition properties needed. Therefore, combining errors on subspaces,

## Theorem (NP 2012)

The consistency error for the elliptic bilinear form

$$a(\cdot, \cdot) := \int_{\Omega} A(\nabla u, \nabla v) dx$$

is

$$\sup_{v \in V_h} \frac{|a(\Phi_h^{(0)} u, v) - a_h(\Phi_h^{(0)} u, v)|}{\|v\|_1} < Ch^k \|A\|_{k, \infty, \Omega} \|u\|_{k+1, \Omega}.$$

Here,  $\Phi_h^{(0)}$  is a bounded projection operator onto  $\mathcal{R}^{(0),k}$ . Analogous results hold for  $\mathcal{R}^{(s),k}$ ,  $s = 0, 1, 2, 3$

## Nitpicky question answered.

We have a full accounting of quadrature errors for the second family of (affine) finite elements on the pyramid.  
We do *not* have a complete analysis for non-affine pyramids.

# Stokes flow in a pipe with square cross-section

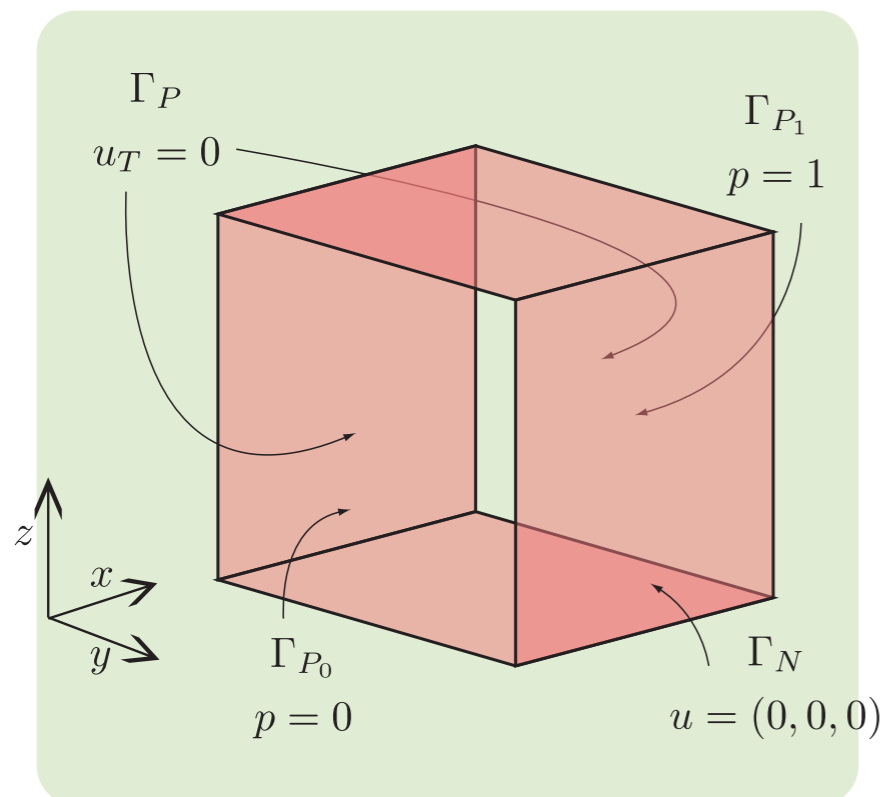
$$-\Delta u + \nabla p = f \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

$$\nabla \cdot u = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$u_T = g_T \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

$$u_N = g_N \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N$$

$$p = \phi \quad \text{on } \Gamma_P$$



Find  $w \in H(\text{curl}, \Omega)$ ,  $u \in H(\text{div}, \Omega; g_N)$  and  $p \in L^2(\Omega)$  such that

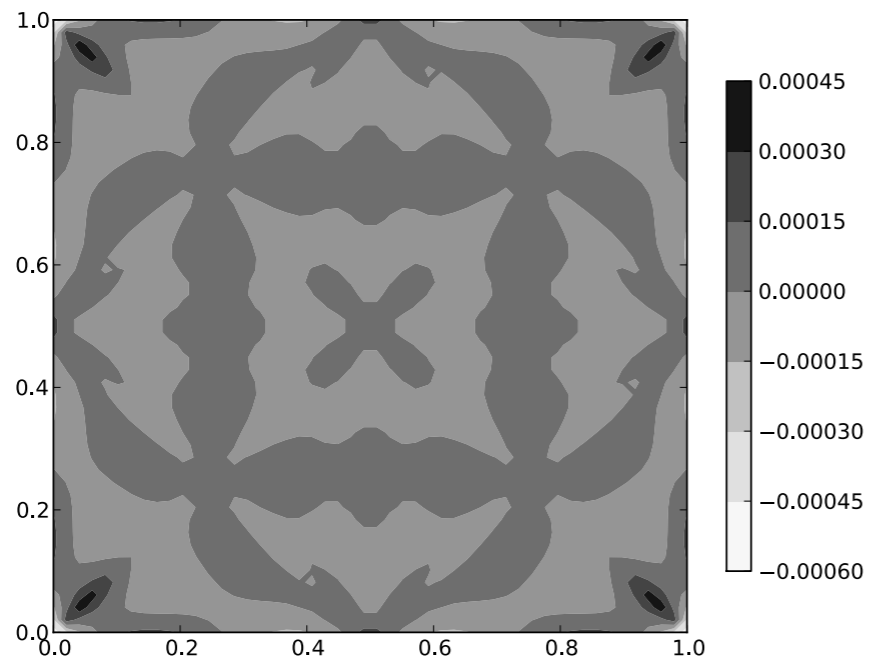
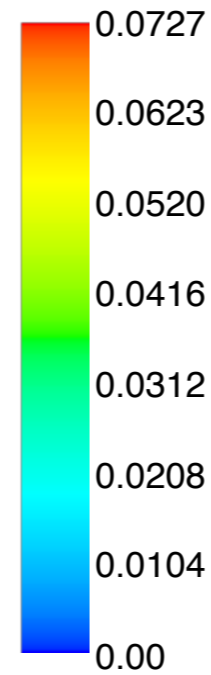
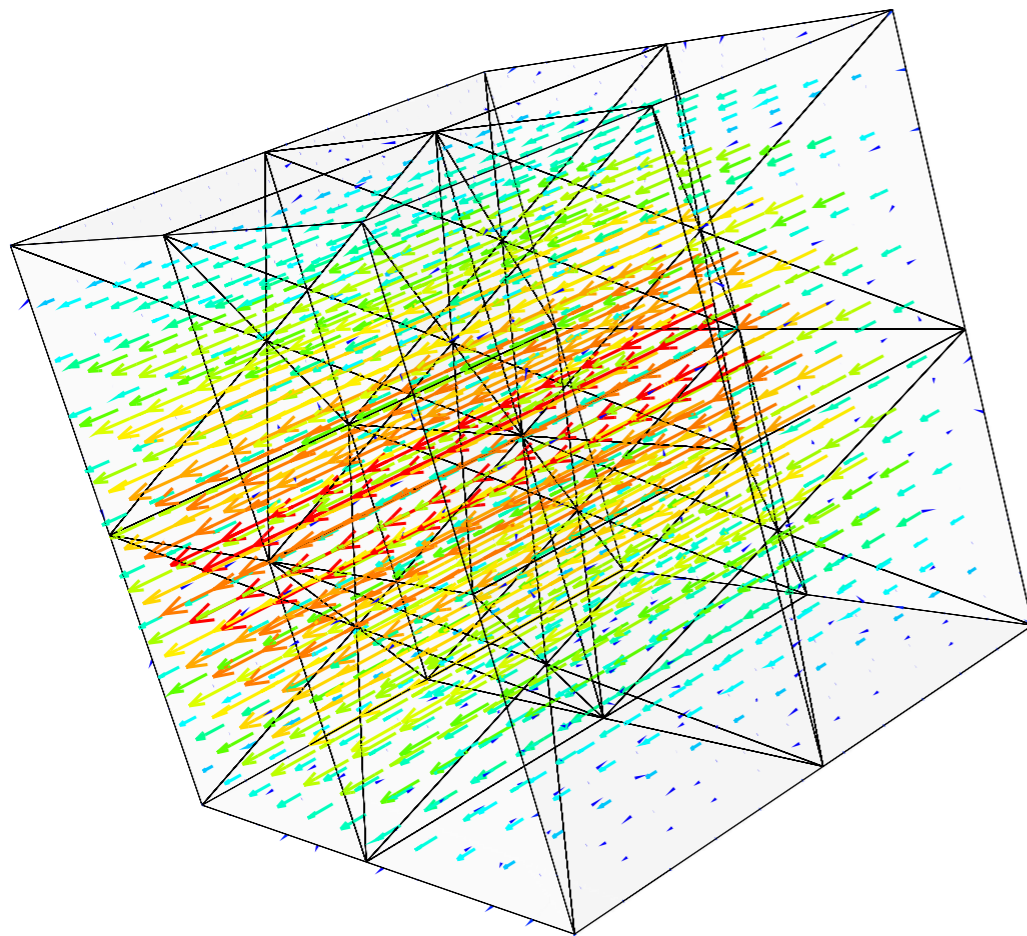
$$\begin{aligned} (w, \tau)_\Omega - (u, \nabla \times \tau)_\Omega &= (g_T, n \times \tau)_\Gamma & \forall \tau \in H(\text{curl}, \Omega) \\ -(\nabla \times w, v)_\Omega + (p, \nabla \cdot v)_\Omega &= (\phi, v \cdot n)_{\Gamma_P} - (f, v)_\Omega & \forall v \in H(\text{div}, \Omega; 0) \\ (\nabla \cdot u, q)_\Omega &= 0 & \forall q \in L^2(\Omega) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & C^t & 0 \\ C & 0 & D^t \\ 0 & D & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w \\ u \\ p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G \\ \Phi - F \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

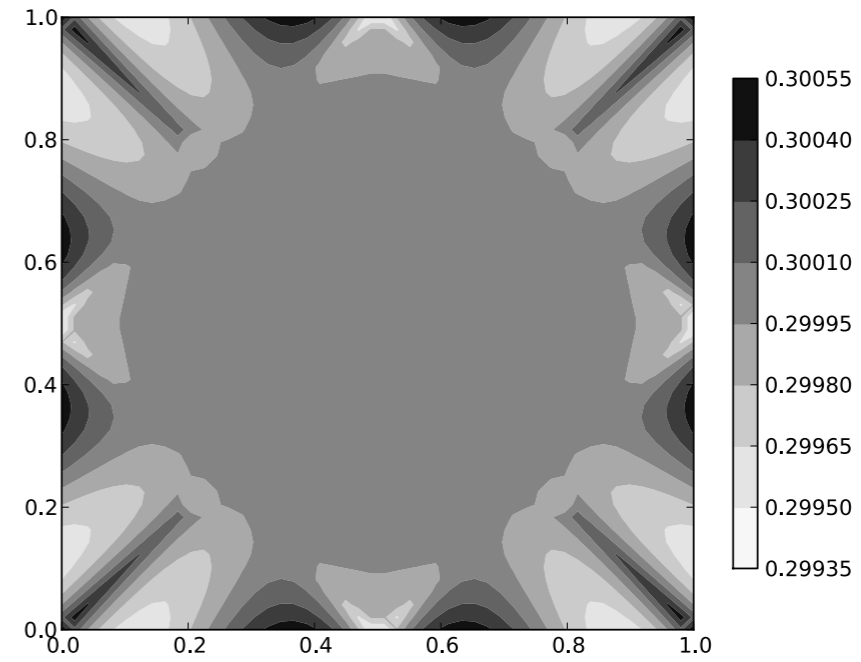
$[0 \ D]$  has closed range, and first block is invertible on  $\ker[0 \ D]$ .

Exactness of discrete sequence allows us to show these.

**2x2x2 grid of  
cubes, each  
containing 6  
4th order  
pyramidal  
elements**



**error at  $x=0.3$**

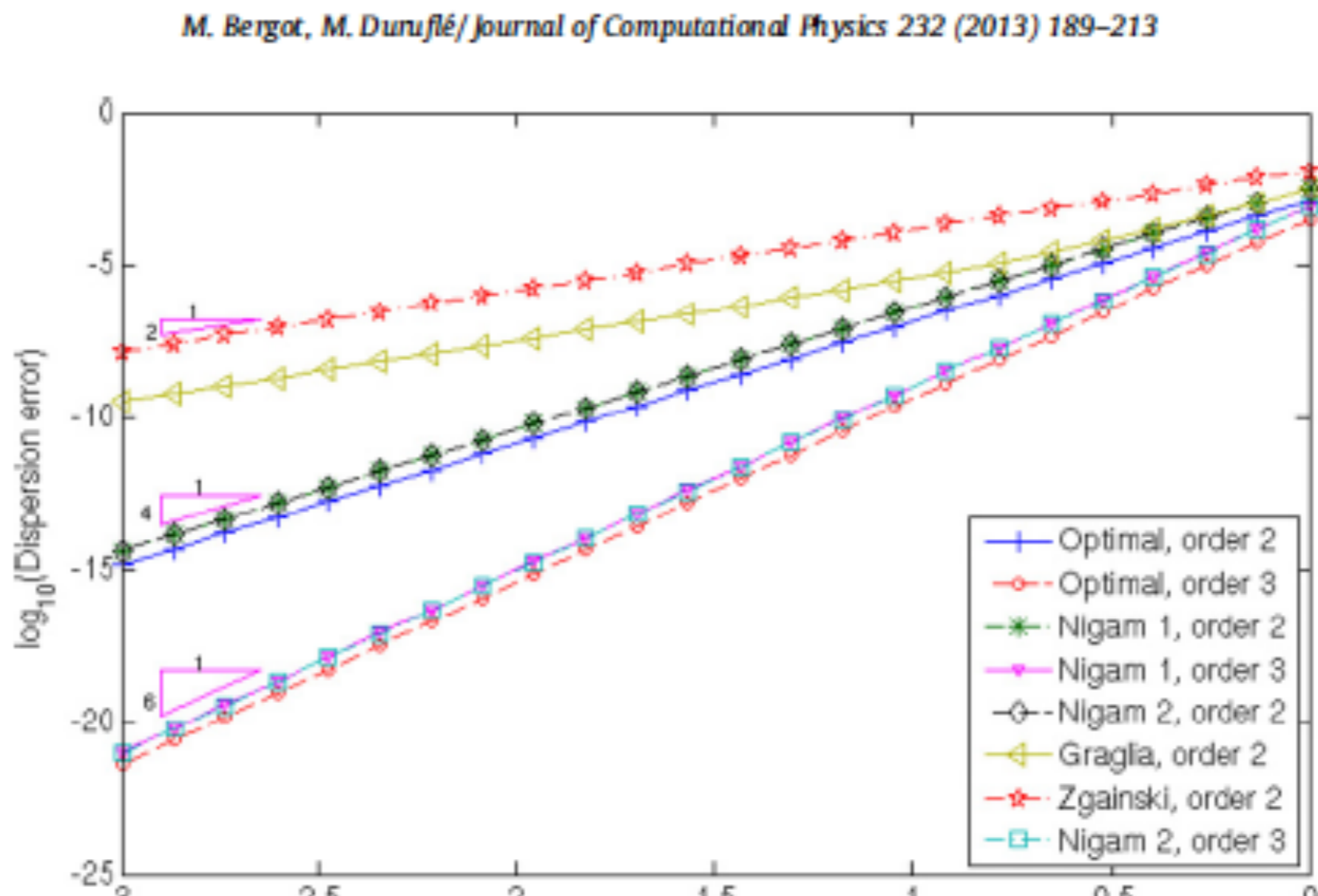


**pressure at  $x=0.3$**

## Dispersion error

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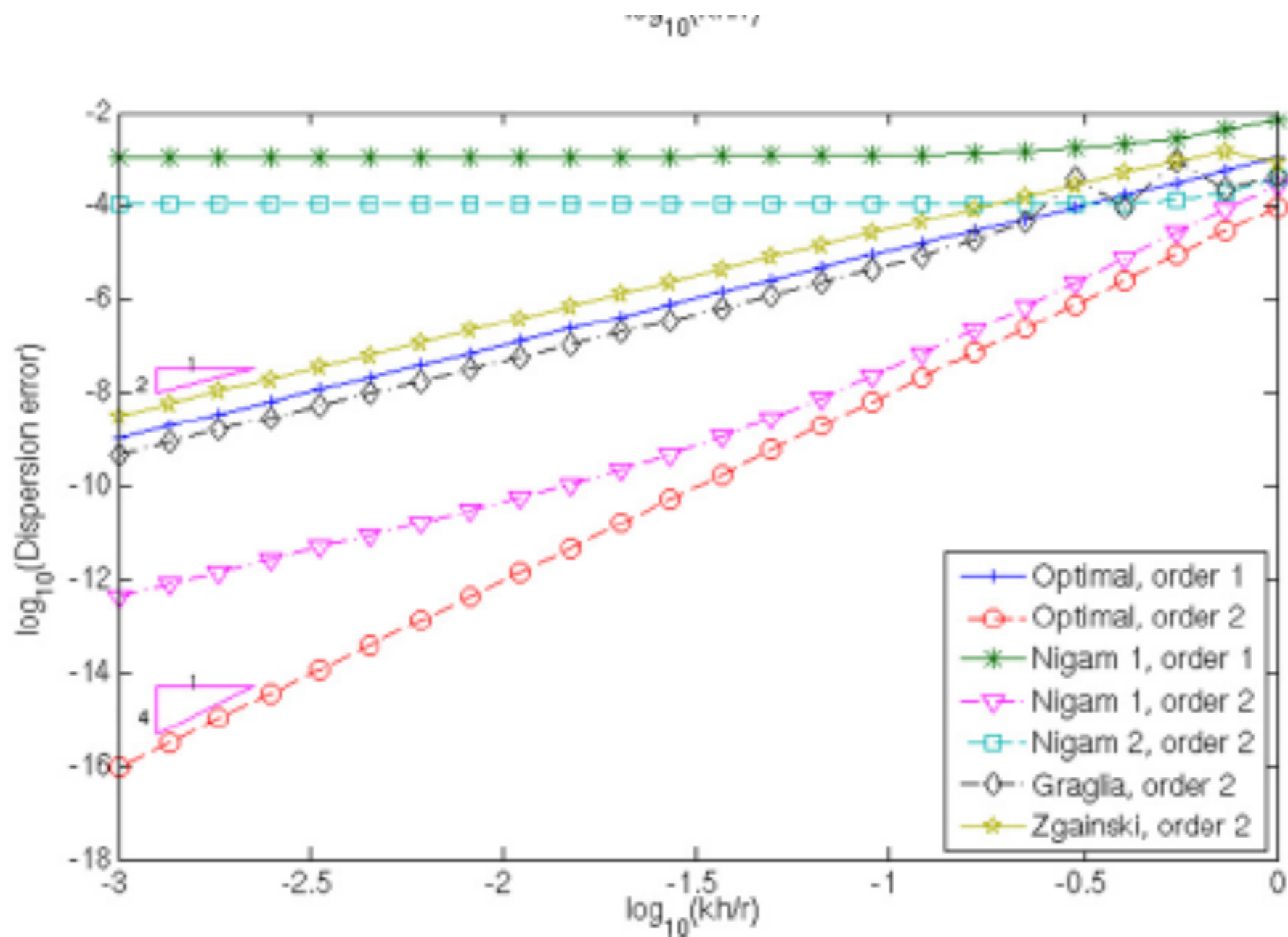
Affine mesh.





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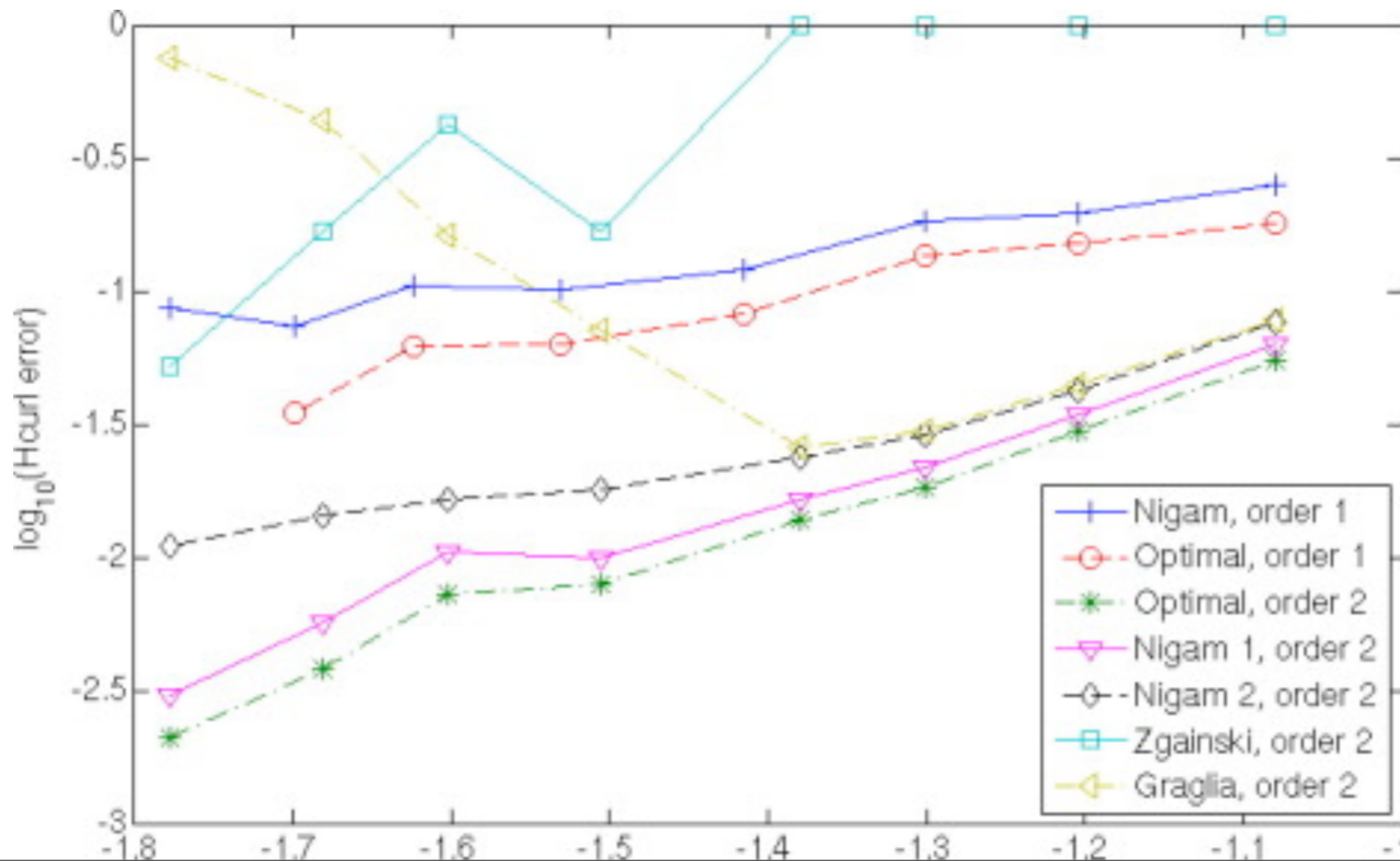
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# Gaussian source in cavity

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Mesh contains affine and non-affine elements.



## Eigenvalue calculations

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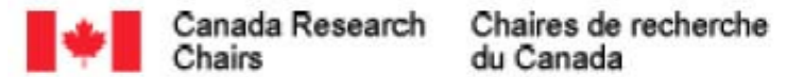
**Table 2**  
Properties of different finite element spaces.

Property	Zgainski, $r = 2$	Craglia, $r = 2$	Nigam/Phillips 1	Nigam/Phillips 2	Optimal
Convergence with affine pyramids	$O(h)$	$O(h)$	$O(h^r)$	$O(h^r)$	$O(h^r)$
Convergence with non-affine pyramids	$O(h)$	$O(1)$	$O(h^{r-1})$	$O(1)$	$O(h^r)$
Spurious modes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Compatibility	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## Summary

- Constructed (two families of) high order compatible pyramidal elements for the spaces of the de Rham complex.
- The elements satisfy a commuting diagram property.
- Stroud's conical product rules can be used to construct numerical integration formulae that do not decrease the order of convergence.
- Some supporting numerical results.

Thank you for your  
attention!



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